



## **IFES Quarterly Report: April 1, 2005 – June 30, 2005**

### **Delimitation Equity Project**

**USAID Cooperative Agreement No. DGC-A-00-01-00004-00**

**Project Period: August 15, 2003 – November 30, 2005** *(as approved in email dated 7/11/05)*

**Total Budget: \$269,750      Expenses Recorded to Date: \$148,359**

### **Results Summary**

In Q3 FY 05, IFES achieved the following results:

- IFES completed the components for the Delimitation Equity Project toolkit.
- IFES conducted a pilot training session in Baku, Azerbaijan with the Central Elections Commission and other key government representatives.
- IFES received and implemented feedback from the delimitation professionals and training experts at the training session in Baku.
- IFES in cooperation with the Jamaican Electoral Commission identified and requested permission from USAID to hold a training session in Jamaica for civil society groups

### **Background**

The Delimitation Equity Project has four goals:

- Establishment of a web-based body of global research on delimitation and redistricting law and best practice.
- Development of a draft delimitation standards framework for consideration by electoral associations, inter-governmental organizations, and civil society groups. Follow-up with a plan to place the standards issue on the agenda of upcoming electoral meetings.
- Development of a planning and implementation tool kit for delimitation undertakings. A technical assistance mission was conducted to develop this tool kit.
- Development of a methodology and training manual for political parties and civil society organizations to monitor delimitation processes. A monitoring mission will be conducted to develop methodology and curricula.

### **Activities**

During Q3 FY05, IFES completed the following activities:

- Pending final adjustments to be made based on the last upcoming training session; IFES completed the components of an interactive CD-Rom and internet-based training package and methodology.
- IFES conducted a pilot training session in Baku, Azerbaijan. This session was attended by representatives of the Central Election Commission and other government officials with either a strong interest or background in delimitation.
- IFES began training additional delimitation experts on the Delimitation toolkit and training session material so that the completed project will be able to move directly into application with other IFES field projects and training missions.
- IFES received valuable feedback on the methods of teaching delimitation and the needs of professional delimitation officers through the training sessions in Baku. This feedback significantly altered the length and content of the training session
- IFES made the first of two post-training adjustments to the training session material and Delimitation tool kit based on the evaluation and feedback from the Baku training session.
- Using non-USAID funding IFES attended a Boundary Delimitation Conference sponsored by the Electoral Advisory Committee of Jamaica where it identified needs in the area of delimitation and civil society monitoring of the process.

#### **Activities Planned for Next Quarter**

- IFES will conduct a pilot training session on civil society monitoring using the completed package. The training sessions is tentatively planned for September 2005 in Jamaica.
- This training session will be directed at members of local civil society groups rather than the Government and Electoral officials who attended the session in Azerbaijan. This will allow IFES to evaluate the training package on the full range of intended audiences.
- IFES will create a survey form to evaluate the pre-training knowledge of delimitation within the local electoral commissions. This survey will allow IFES to estimate the impact of the training and adjust accordingly by following up after the final session.
- IFES will create a report detailing the training session in Azerbaijan and include the recommendations of the CEC as well as the trainers.
- Following the final training session, IFES will revise the material in the package based on the suggestions of the attendees and trainers.
- IFES will create a training manual for use with the CD-Rom and website which can be used as a stand-alone guide for groups without access to computers.